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Re: HQ-2019-00877-F

Dear Mr. Knox:

This is a final response to the request for information you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

> A copy of all FOIA requests filed in the past year (April 2018-April 2019) for records pertaining to the recently re-opened Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage project.

Your request was assigned to DOE's Office of Public Information (MA-46) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. MA-46 started its search on May 14, 2019, which is the cut-off date for responsive documents. MA-46 completed its search and identified one (1) document responsive to your request. The document is being released to you in its entirety.

The adequacy of the search may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L'Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line. (This is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.) The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either (1) in the district where you reside, (2) where you have your principal place of business, (3) where DOE's records are situated, or (4) in the District of Columbia.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government
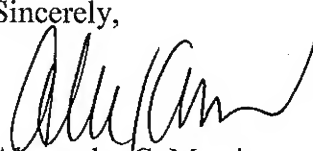
Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

The FOIA provides for the assessment of fees for the processing of requests. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 1004.9(a). In our May 10, 2019, letter, you were advised that your request was placed in the "news media" category for fee purposes. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. DOE's processing costs did not exceed $15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE assesses fees. Thus, no fees will be charged for processing your request.

If you have questions about the processing of the request or this letter, please contact Ms. Danielle Blevins, in this office, at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-2504.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
Office of Public Information

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